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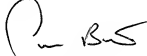
In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 2-4 and 8-14 include allowable subject matter.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 1. Claim 1 has been cancelled. All pending claims now depend directly or indirectly on Claim 2. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration by the Examiner and formal notification of the allowance of these claims are solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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